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1.—That the Capital of the Company be increased from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000, by the creation of 10,000 New Shares of \$50 each.

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Hongkong, 12th April, 1900.

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Dated the 18th day of April, 1900.

By Order of the Board,

EDWARD OSBORNE

Secretary.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER
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Hongkong, 3rd February, 1909. [20]

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HONGKONG 23rd April, 1900.

Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1900.

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JAMES MORRIS,
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Hongkong, 24th April, 1900. [532b]

WEDNESDAY, 25th APRIL,
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W. PFLUEGER,
General Representative.
Hongkong, 24th April, 1900. [526b]

NOTES AND COMMENTS.
THE FAR EAST IN PARLIAMENT.
We are pleased to see that since his arrival
in England Mr. JOSEPH WATSON, M.P., has
taken the opportunity of addressing some
most pertinent questions to the Under-
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs upon
Far Eastern subjects. Hitherto the Far
East has in reality been the Far East, that
is to say it has been so far away from West-
minster as to be beyond the ken and the
interest of the great majority of our politi-
cians, and the consequence has been that
it has only been referred to now and again
in a half-hearted sort of way, and only too
frequently by men who had but vague ideas
as to what was required. Of late years,
however, there appears to have been a growing
inclination amongst our Members of
Parliament to see for themselves, and, like
PACER, M.P., in Kipling's "Departmental
Ditties," those who have taken the trouble
to come amongst us have found that the
gorgeous East is not all their fancy painted
it. They have found that it is not peopled
by a handful of princely merchants
rolling in wealth, but by a body of hard-work-
ing, energetic business men who are bravely
fighting an uphill fight, not so much for the
purpose of having the way made smooth for
them as for the purpose of gaining their
rights, rights which have been vouchsafed to
them by treaty on the part of the Chinese
Government, but which have in too many
instances been granted only in name.

The pity of it all is that the present time
is most unfavourable for any reference to
China in Parliament. The war in South
Africa occupies everyone's thoughts and no-
body has any time to turn their attention to
our poor exiles and our troubles. Mr. WAT-
SON and one or two others bear us in mind,
because they have recently been amongst us
and we are comparatively fresh in their me-
mories, but we fear that it is beyond the
powers of these well-meaning gentlemen
to arouse the necessary interest amongst

their colleagues in face of the all absorbing
topic of the war.

Another point is that the Under-Secretary
for Foreign Affairs seems seldom or never
to have any information upon any question
affecting trade. "We have not heard," says
Mr. BRODRICK, "of any British steamers
being taken off the West River." Perhaps
Mr. BRODRICK has not heard of any steamers
being taken off the river, but he ought to
have heard that owing to the restrictions
placed upon them such will shortly prove to
be the case. What is the use of waiting as
apparently Mr. BRODRICK would like to wait,
until such time as a steamer has been forced
off the river and her owners have conse-
quently lost thousands of dollars? Every-
body here knows that the opening of the
inland waterways of China is in reality a
mere dead letter. They have been thrown
open it is true, but there are so many vexatious
restrictions thrown in the way of British mer-
chants who essay to take advantage of the bene-
fits which the Chinese are supposed to have
granted them by treaty, that there can be no
wonder at their losing heart and not being
anxious to sink money in a concern which
will involve them in loss.

As we have repeatedly stated, the
British Government does not know, and
apparently refuses to learn, how to treat
the Chinese. Take, for instance, the HUNG-
CHANG's assurance made to Sir HENRY
BLAKE that he would do all in his power to
suppress piracy within his jurisdiction. What
has he done? Nothing. And now we see
by correspondence published in the
report of the last meeting of the Chamber
of Commerce that it is proposed to endeav-
our to get all steamers to use the route
between Hongkong and Sam Shui, in order
that they may be protected by our gunboats.
That is to say the bulk of the waterways
which traverse the Canton delta will be vir-
tually closed to our vessels for the simple
reason that the Chinese Authorities cannot
or will not suppress piracy. We think that
they could do so in a very few months were
they really anxious to, but this does not
suit their book. It would undoubtedly be
a costly undertaking, and this would mean
that the Officials would have to put their
hands in their pockets. Piracy in the Two
Kwangs does not hurt the Empress Dowager
and therefore she cannot have much interest
in their suppression. All she cares about
is having a fair share of the revenue paid
into the Imperial Treasury, and it is not for
a moment to be supposed that she would
consent to having this amount curtailed for
the purpose of rendering the waterways of
the Two Kwangs safe. She would probably
issue a fowery edict pointing out that she
was much shocked to hear of the rife of
piracy in the Two Kwangs, and that the
Officials concerned were to see to it that no
more reports of a like nature came along,
under pain of her severe displeasure and the
taking away of yellow jackets and peacock
feathers. Then the Officials would see that
the pirates would have to be put down at
their own expense, and, not liking the
idea, would promptly allow matters to go on
in their old course and carefully conceal the
fact from their Imperial Mistress.

If piracy is to be put down, then strong
measures must be taken. The HUNG-CHANG
is perfectly capable of dealing with the
matter if it is to his interest to do so. If
it were possible to make Canton, and through
Canton Li, pay a heavy fine for every piracy
committed within the Two Kwangs, we should
find that in a few months pirates would have
practically disappeared. Take the piracy
that occurred the other day. If Canton
were made to pay a couple of million dollars
indemnity the HUNG-CHANG would have to
raise it. This would not like, for it would
mean an extra squeeze on the people and a
draining of his own pocket. He would ac-
cordingly squeeze his underlings and they
would not like it either. Then the people
far and near would be squeezed and they
would not like it any more than Li and
his myrmidons. The next thing
would be everybody would look upon pirates
as a nuisance, the people would dis-
approve of them, the officials would follow
suit, and, once popular indignation was pro-
perly aroused, we should soon have the
pirates wiped out. But we forget—this is
the nineteenth century, the Government of
China is a civilized and powerful one (so
our politicians say), and therefore it would
be criminal of us to take strong measures.
We apologise for our barbarity in making
such suggestions.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.
THE WAR.
THE FREE STATE.
GENERAL METUEN'S FORCE
FIERCELY ATTACKED.
WEPENER STILL BESEIGED.
London, April 22nd.

Reuter's correspondent at Boshof
21st inst. wires that General
Methuen's field force, occupying an
advanced position at Dwart Koppje
fontein, was ordered to return to
Boshof. While the force was retiring
it was fiercely attacked by 2,000
Boers with three guns. The Colonials
and Yeomanry occupied a Koppje and
held the enemy in check until the
column had safely passed. There
were some British casualties and it
is believed those of the enemy were
heavy, as they advanced within 300
yards of the Koppje.

Fighting near Dewetsdorp was
renewed on Saturday under General
Rundle who expelled the enemy
from the heights.

Reuter's correspondent at Maseru
21st inst. wires that Wepener was
still closely invested.

NATAL.
BOERS SHELL THE COLLIERIES.
Desultory fighting took place all
day on the 21st at Elandsdangte. A
thousand Boers crossed the Sundays
River Bridge and advanced to a crest
which the infantry had recently
occupied; they retired on seeing the
mounted infantry. The enemy after-
wards shelled the collieries.

THE FREE STATE.
BOERS AT DEWETSDORP
STUBBORN.
General Rundle's division continued
fighting on Saturday, mainly with
artillery. The Boers are tenacious
and well entrenched. Casualties
light.

WEPENER.
ATTACK ON SATURDAY.
The Boers heavily cannonaded
Wepener on Saturday, and the
garrison replied. General Brabant
has reached Bushmans Kop 20 miles
southward. The Boers are preparing
to resist.

WEATHER REPORT.
The Observatory report says:—
On the 24th at 11.35 a.m. the barometer is
falling on the China coast. The high pressure
area seems to be central over Japan. Gradients
slight to moderate for E. winds on the China
coast. FORECAST:—Fresh E. winds; some
drizzling rain or mist.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.
It is reported that shortly the particulars of an
Amsterdam company for the construction of a
cable between Batavia and Saigon will be
published.
ON the morning of March 22nd, when Her
Majesty visited Woolwich Arsenal, the "morning
state" showed no less than 20,278 men at
work, 9,685 of whom were in the Royal
Laboratory.
DURING a gale in the Gulf of Siam on the 1st
April a Siamese steamer, the *Ratna Rikha*,
foundered with all hands, about thirty in
number. Twenty-two corpses were picked up
the next day.
THE new Japanese battleship *Shikishima*,
which left Singapore on April 1st, was to steam
direct to Japanese waters to take part in the
naval manoeuvres, not calling at Hongkong on
the way north.
DURING the week ended on 21st inst., twenty-
one cases and sixteen deaths from plague were
reported to the Sanitary Board. There were
no other cases of communicable disease re-
ported in the Colony.
THE *Star Free Press* hears that the Siamese
Government has ceded certain Malay States to
Britain. In return Siam gets sundry conces-
sions, including a stipulation extending Siamese
jurisdiction over British subjects there.
THE Russian armoured cruiser *Admiral Na-
himov*, of 8,524 tons displacement, is expected
to call at Singapore shortly on her way to China.
This vessel, which has been out here before
this, was built in 1885, and her speed is given
as 16.7 knots an hour.
As will be noticed by a reference to our ad-
vertising columns, Wednesday evening's per-
formance of Warren's Circus will be under
the patronage of His Excellency Major-General
Gascoigne, C.M.G. The show, as we have
before stated, is an excellent one and we pre-
dict a bumper house for to-morrow.

It appears that Spido, the tin-smith who fired
on the Prince of Wales at Brussels, has im-
plicated one Meert, a shoemaker. They allege
the shooting was the result of a foolish bet.
Perhaps so; then if they were flogged they
might say their pain was the result of a foolish
flogging. Thus things would balance.

A sad accident, resulting in the death of the
Reverend B. Wensink, occurred at Kanowit,
Sarawak, on the 12th March. The Reverend
Father, towards evening, went to bathe in the
part of the river fenced in as a swimming place
for the school boys; he appears to have gone
beyond his depth and when found, was dead.

THE returns of the number of visitors to the
City Hall Library and Museum for the week
ended 22nd April are:—

	Library.	Museum.
Non-Chinese	350	119
Chinese	217	1,679
Totals	567	1,818

The young Siamese Princes accompanied by
their tutors, Mr. James, formerly master of
Queen's College and Mr. Carter, proceeded to
Canton by the steamship *Fatshan* yesterday
evening for a brief visit. They have been stay-
ing at the Hongkong Hotel for some little
time, and are expected to return from Canton
at the end of the week.

THE Pahang correspondent of the *Strait
Times* says that Mr. Bibby, the Raub manager,
who met with a serious carriage accident some
days ago, while driving along the Trunk Road,
and who was much cut about the head and
face, went to Kuala Lipis and had been staying
at the Residency, which was placed at his dis-
posal. Thanks to Dr. McClosky's care and
attention, Mr. Bibby is now out of danger, and
will soon be quite well again.

SINCE the China-Japan war, the Japanese, or
at least the lower classes amongst them, seem
to have changed for the worse, especially at the
ports. You will hardly find a man on a foreign
ship tending to these ports who has a good
word for them. Speaking of this subject at a
meeting of shareholders of the Toyo Kisen
Kaisha, the President said:—"Japanese sailors
and stokers had been replaced by Chinese
because of their insubordinate behaviour;
secondly, because of their extravagance, and
lastly, because of their indolence."

SOVEREIGNS are now being circulated, through
the Calcutta Post Office to the extent of about
£5,500 daily. Contrary to expectation, the
natives have offered no objection to the ac-
ceptance of sovereigns in payment of money
orders. The only objection so far has come
from a European lady who demanded rupees,
but eventually accepted sovereigns on the Post
Office Officials sending her a notice pointing
out that sovereigns were legal tender. Not-
withstanding the large number of sovereigns
being circulated, very few are tendered at the
Post Office for the purchase of money orders.

THE following was issued yesterday as a
Gazette Extraordinary.
GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—NO. 193.
The following telegram is published.
By Command,
F. H. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd
April, 1900.
SAIGON, 23rd April, 1900.
COLONIAL SECRETARY,
Hongkong.
Hongkong quarantine twelve days.
CONSUL.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial
and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge
with thanks the following donation to the
funds of the Hospitals:—
H.K. & Shanghai Banking Corporation.....\$100
Butterfield & Swire.....100
Holliday, Wise & Co.....100
Kell & Co.....100
Jardine, Matheson & Co.....100
Scottish Oriental S. S. Co.....50
Arnold Karberg & Co.....50
Carlowitz & Co.....50
Eastern Ext. A. & C. Telegraph Co., Ltd.,
Johnson, Stokes and Master.....50
Bismarck & Co.....10
Eastern Manfg. Co.....10

This morning at the Magistrate's before Mr.
Scombe Smith, Mr. Naylor applied on behalf
of Tam Ho, a building contractor for an eject-
ment order against F. Blunck, a lace manu-
facturer, carrying on business at Beaconsfield
Arcade. Plaintiff leased 14 houses from the
Hon. E. R. Bell in July last and entered
into an agreement with defendant for No. 2
Beaconsfield Arcade and the ground floor of
No. 14. Subsequently defendant complained
that the ground floor was too damp to allow of
the carrying on of his business as lace manu-
facturer and suggested that another house
should be found. In consequence of this a
verbal agreement was made that No. 9 should
be rented at a monthly rental of \$50 per month,
and the lease of No. 14 revoked. Defendant did
not return the lease and instead of paying \$50
for new premises only paid \$15 as he had done
for No. 14. Notice to leave was given him last
January which notice had been disregarded
hence the application for an ejectment order.
Mr. H. Sharp (instructed by Mr. C. Evans)
appeared for the defendant. After the evidence
of Plaintiff was heard, the order was granted.

THEATRE ROYAL.
ADA DELROY COMPANY.
The theatre-going public loves nothing better
than a good music-hall programme and ample
proof of this was given last night when the
above company delighted a full house with an
attractive programme, marred only by one hitch.
Owing to the illness of an important member
of the company, viz., the time-light man, the
London Bioscope had to be omitted.
Indeed this and various little misfortunes no
doubt prompted Mr. Bell, the eccentric colour-
man, to choose as his text "Hard Luck."
However it was quite apparent that the per-
formers had the sympathy of the audience, and
during the long delay, if the pianist had only
played "Oh, listen to the band," there
would not have been a dissenting murmur.
The special items were Miss Delroy's dancing,
and the White Mahatma's thought-reading.
These were introduced by a very good Musical
Medley Melange by Miss Delroy and Mr. Bell,
followed by Miss Maud Lita in two songs. Miss
Lita has a capital soprano voice, and it was
heard to advantage in "Leonore" and "Carmen-
ita." Mr. Ford's facial contortions were most
amusing, and Mr. James Bell kept the house
in one continual roar of laughter with his
Senebaniam Oddities. Part 1 of the Pro-
gramme wound up with a farce, the subject of
which was the restoration to life of mummies.
When we say that the special mummy in this
case was Mr. Bell it can be understood why
some of the audience had to hold their aching
sides.
After a rather lengthy interval, Miss
Delroy gave her exhibitions in the Tersi-
chorean art. It is seldom that such a per-
formance as Miss Delroy's is presented to the
Hongkong public, and her success was de-
servedly applauded. Miss Lita's little girl
gave a very nice Solo on the Kylophone. After
which the White Mahatma was introduced.
We are not sceptical, nor do we profess to
know all about it, but were it not for the pleas-
ing information that no occult or supernatural
power is used in this part of the entertainment,
we would conclude that the White Mahatma's
performance was "gey uncanary." A man
writes a question on a piece of paper
which nobody sees. He puts it in his
pocket and about an hour afterwards the
White Mahatma tells him what his question
is. Blindfold and seated on the stage, this

talented lady gave the questions of a good few
of the audience and only once was she wrong
and even then she rectified her mistake. She
finished up with what is called the Labouchere
trick, so termed because the Editor of *Truth*
devoted over 200 columns of his paper to an
attempted exposure of it. It consists simply of
a person in the body of the hall thinking of a
number, the White Mahatma tells him the
number. We used to think that there was
safety in thought!
On the whole the audience were very well
pleased, and we predict good houses for the
remaining nights of the Company's stay.

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LIMITED.
An extraordinary general meeting of the
above company was held in the private din-
ing room of the Hotel to-day. There were
present:—Messrs. R. C. Wilcox (in the chair),
H. W. Looker, W. Parfit (directors), E. George,
P. Jordan, Hart Buck, W. H. Potts, C. Palmer,
J. H. Lewis, F. Henderson, I. C. Peter, R. S.
Phillips, J. E. Gomes, E. T. Veitch, Ho Fook,
Chan Chau Nam, Ho Kon-long, Lo Cheung
Shiu and Sang Kee.
The Secretary having read the notice con-
voking the meeting, The Chairman, after
explaining that Mr. Osborne was serving on
a special jury, proposed the following resolu-
tion:—
"That the New regulations already approved
by this meeting, and for the purpose of
identification subscribed by the Chairman
thereof, be, and the same are, hereby approved
and that such regulations be, and the same
are, hereby adopted as the regulation of the
Company to the exclusion of all the existing
regulations thereof."
Mr. Lewis seconded the resolution was
carried unanimously. This was all the
business.

**ROBBERY ON THE "EMPERESS OF
INDIA."**
NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS STOLEN.
At the Magistrate's to-day Reuben Carr,
boatswain's mate, J. A. Adamson, T. Shay,
Geo. Murray and T. Collins, A. B., all em-
ployed on the *Empress of India* were charged
with stealing nine hundred dollars and four
pence from the pockets of a Chinese money changer,
Yuen Sai, a Chinese money changer, on the 9th
instant in Yokohama Harbour. It is said that
the money was taken from the Chinaman when
he went on board and that the prisoners divided
it amongst them. An investigation was made in
Yokohama by the Japanese Authorities but nothing
was discovered. Information which subsequently
came to the knowledge of one of the officers,
however, led to the arrest of the prisoners and
Carr promised to turn Queen's evidence.
Reuben Carr, sworn stated, that about 10.30
a.m. on the 9th he was underneath the forecas-
tle head. He saw Adamson snatch a bag from
the shoulder of a Chinese money lender which
he passed on to Shay who took it into the
forecastle. Murray prevented the money
lender from pursuing Adamson. He afterwards
found Shay had the bag open and was putting
money into his pocket. He was given the
bag produced and \$108 in silver, which
he put in his bunk. He offered it to the
lamp-trimmer next day but he refused to
have anything to do with it. The money was
afterwards divided and Collins was given \$23
as his share.
Mr. Hoch, purser of the *Empress of India*,
gave evidence of a statement having been made
to him by the Chinese money changer in Yoko-
hama and identified the bag containing the
money as being one he had seen in the cabin
of the boatswain's mate.
Captain Marshall, of the *Empress of India*,
said that he was not on board when the theft
was committed. He returned to the ship about
12.30 and then the Japanese authorities came
on board and enquired into matters. Adamson
and Shay were called up and questioned, the
men's quarters were searched, but nothing dis-
covered. After a detention of three hours the
ship left for Kobe. On receipt of certain infor-
mation he ordered Carr's quarters to be searched
in the presence of the chief officer, the purser,
the boatswain and Carr. This was on the 11th
inst. The white bag produced was found and
Carr, when asked for an explanation, refused to
say anything. He gave Carr a receipt for the
bag and kept it till he arrived in Hongkong,
when he handed it over to the Police. The roll
of notes produced was that given him by
the chief officer. His ship was to sail on
Wednesday and would return in about seven
weeks time.
Mr. Beetham, Chief Officer of the *Empress of
India*, gave evidence of the complaint being
made to him at Yokohama. He went down to
the fore-castle and looked for the bag, but with-
out success. He called the men up. Carr and
the other prisoners were there. The Chi-
nese man picked out Adamson and Shay. The
man made a statement to him and after-
wards returned with the Japanese authorities.
The roll of notes produced was handed to him
by the boatswain and witness gave it to the
Captain. The search made by the Japanese
Authorities before leaving Yokohama was not
very thorough.
John Bird, boatswain of the *Empress of
India*, stated, on the 16th he found some money
in the pocket of an oilskin coat belonging to
Carr. He gave it to the chief officer. He was
not on the ship when the theft was commit-
ted.
The case was remanded until to-day week.

**HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER
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TELEGRAPH RATES.
The Eastern Extension, Australasia and
China Telegraph Co., Ltd.
Winchester House, 50, Old Broad Street,
London, E.C.4.
9th March, 1900.
Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 19th
January last I have to inform you that on re-
ceipt of a telegram from our Manager at
Hongkong giving the purport of your letter
under acknowledgment, we requested Her
Majesty's Government to be good enough to
inform us if they had any objection to our
furnishing the Hongkong Chamber of Com-
merce with a copy of our communication to
the Government embodying the proposal for a
general reduction of tariffs.
On receipt of a reply from Her Majesty's
Government intimating that they had no
objection to this being done, we at once posted
via our Manager in China with a request
that he would forward it to you.
I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Sd.) F. E. HESSE,
Manager.
R. Chatterton Wilcox, Esq., Secretary, Hong-
kong Chamber of Commerce.
The Eastern Extension, Australasia and
China Telegraph Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, 16th March, 1900.
Dear Sir,—Enclosed I have now the
pleasure of enclosing a copy of the letter

referred to in my communication to you of 13th February last.

When the above copy of the letter was posted to me from London (16th ultimo) no reply had been received by the companies from the Secretary of the General Post Office.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
(Sd.) F. VON DER PLOEDT,
Manager in China.
R. C. Wilcox, Esq., Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong.

The Eastern Telegraph Co., Limited,
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2nd August, 1899.

The Secretary,
General Post Office,
London.

Sir,—I have the honour to refer to my interview with you of the 21st ultimo, and confirm the proposals I then made that the Associated Companies are prepared to negotiate with the British Government for a general reduction of tariffs to all British Colonies and Dependencies served by their lines.

I would suggest that the basis of these negotiations should be—

1st. A fixed minimum of revenue per each class of traffic.

2nd. A gradual reduction of tariffs when such revenue averages over the fixed minimum for 3 years.

3rd. When the traffic increases so as to necessitate the laying of extra cables, the minimum revenue to be increased sufficiently to pay for the service of the extra cable, maintenance and working of the required new cables.

4th. All negotiations with Foreign Administrations for reduction of tariff to be undertaken by the British Government, the Companies giving all the assistance in their power.

An arrangement of this character would give the public the benefit of reduction whenever any special traffic showed development, and would enable the Government to assist in all alterations of tariffs. The arrangement is on the same lines as that offered to South Africa and Australia, and practically accepted by the former.

The companies would, however, ask that they should be given a guarantee that they should have landing rights through all British Possessions for any additional cable that they might consider necessary for carrying traffic.

I should be pleased to have an interview with you to discuss any points upon which you might wish further information, perhaps some time after the holidays might be arranged, so as to give time for the proposed arrangements to be carefully considered.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
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SAFETY MATCHES.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
5th April, 1900.

Sir,—I am directed to transmit to you for the consideration of the Chamber of Commerce the enclosed copy of a letter from the Acting Harbour Master on the subject of the desirability of declaring under section 15 of the New Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance when it comes into force, safety matches of Japanese Manufacture to be dangerous goods.

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Harbour Department,
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The second case occurred this morning, apparently through spontaneous combustion. It was fortunately discovered while the Acting Senior Boarding Officer was inspecting the emigrants on board, otherwise had the vessel (the Steamship *Chikamasa*) got to sea before discovery of the fire, a panic among the 800 emigrants would have been inevitable, and great loss of life and property have probably ensued.

I am aware that there is much to be said on both sides of the question; but these matches appear to be distinctly dangerous, and hence some restriction becomes necessary.

The trade in these matches forms so infinitesimal a portion of the total trade of the port, that I imagine it will scarcely be a hardship to the shippers to restrict the carriage of them to such ships as do not carry more than 20 passengers, as provided for in the 1899 Ordinance, Section 15, s. 5.

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This Chamber has, in reply, deprecated immediate action in this direction as it would tend to obstruct trade and because such decisions have not been frequent in the past. The Committee, however, wish to express the opinion that Japanese manufacturers would further their own interests, and obviate interference here, by paying greater attention to the absolute safety of their matches from spontaneous ignition.

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The matter had already been brought to my notice, and I do not now in issuing such instructions as might prevent a recurrence of the cause of the complaint.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) E. CORNEWALL LEWIS,
Acting Postmaster-General.

R. Chatterton Wilcox, Esq., Secretary, Hongkong Chamber of Commerce.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1900.

R. Chatterton Wilcox, Esq., Secretary, General Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong.

Dear Sir,—In view of the expiry, on May 10th, of the contract at present in effect with H.B.M.'s Government for the carriage of mails from Hongkong, by way of the Pacific and Vancouver, B.C., I would ask if you could arrange for the passing of a resolution by your Chamber urging the desirability of renewing the contract in question.

Such a resolution, if carried, would, I feel sure, carry much weight with the British Government when negotiations are opened in connection with the matter.

I need hardly point out that, upon Political grounds, the maintenance of the service is all-important, forming, as it does, an essentially British route throughout and capable of being used in any manner that circumstances may demand; and, further, I would call your particular attention to the great regularity with which the service has been carried on by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. during the past nine years, the period during which the existing contract has been running, and also to the rapid transit given to the mails.

Your Chamber may consider it desirable to go further than suggest merely a renewal of the contract, by recommending the institution of a more frequent service, say fortnightly throughout the year, at a proportionate increase in the subsidy payable by the Government. Any such suggestions in this or in other directions will, I am sure, meet with the attention they deserve at the hands of the Government.

When the question of a subsidy first came up in connection with this Company's Mail route your Committee very kindly took up the matter and urged upon the Government the desirability of instituting the service; and a reference to the Report of your Committee for the year ending 31st December, 1897, will show what transpired. Your present Committee will, doubtless, see their way to following up the representations, then made, at the present time.

In conclusion, I would mention that a resolution has been passed at the Annual Meeting of the Foreign Chamber of Commerce at Yokohama, a copy of which is attached hereto, for your information. Resolutions to the same effect are in course of being passed at various other Ports in China and Japan.

I am, Sir,
Yours truly,
(Sd.) D. W. CRADDOCK,
Acting General Agent.

COPY OF RESOLUTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AT ANNUAL MEETING OF GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Yokohama, March 29th, 1900.

That in view of the quick Trans-Pacific Mail Service via Vancouver, so efficiently carried out by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's steamers, it is desirable in the opinion of this Chamber that the present Mail contract with H.B.M.'s Government should be secured to arrange for a fortnightly service throughout the year, if possible, with a proportionate increase in the mail subsidy, as the continuance and extension of this service is of increasing importance in the general interests of trade.

Average Memo.
Hongkong and Yokohama to London.
Canadian-Pacific Railway Co. 30 days 23 days
Frisco Lines 42 " 31 "
North German Lloyd (via
(Naples) 29 " 40 "
M. M. Co. (via Marseilles) 31 " 41 "
P. & O. (Brindisi) 31 " 41 "

D. W. Craddock Esq., Acting General Agent,
Canadian Pacific Railway Co.
20th April, 1900.

Dear Sir,—I have to acknowledge receipt, on the 10th inst., of your letter of that date calling attention to the expiry of your Company's contract with the Imperial Government to carry the mails from Hongkong to Canada in May, 1901, and asking if the Chamber could express an opinion in favour of the renewal by the Government of such contract.

The question was duly considered by the committee, and at their meeting on the 18th inst. the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

"That in the opinion of the Chamber it is desirable that the contract between Her Majesty's Government and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the carriage of mails from Hongkong, via the Pacific and Vancouver, which will expire in May, 1901, should be renewed, if possible with an accelerated and fortnightly service."

I am, dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
R. CHATTERTON WILCOX,
Secretary.

VACANT SEAT IN THE COUNCIL.
Government House,
Hongkong, 17th April, 1900.

Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that I have granted to the Honourable T. H. Whitehead, Member of the Legislative Council, nine months leave of absence from the 14th inst. and that there is therefore a vacancy in the council which I desire to fill with delay.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
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Major-General,
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LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

SUPREME COURT.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before Sir John Carrington, Kt., C.M.G., Chief Justice).

April 24th.

ALLEGED MURDER.

This morning at the Supreme Court, Gheba Khan was arraigned on a charge of the wilful murder of one Gulam Hassan on March 8th in Kowloon. The Hon. Attorney General prosecuted and Mr. Slade (instructed by Messrs Wilkinson and Grist) conducted the defence.

The following gentlemen composed the special jury:—Messrs G. L. Tomlin, G. W. Playfair, B. Layton, E. Osborne, W. H. Gaskell, W. Danby, and R. M. Gray.

The examination of Juan Khan, who was concluded, on fresh light being thrown on the circumstances of the alleged murder.

Kuran Khan, a subadar in command of the 4th (or 'D') Co. of the Regiment, gave evidence of having received the report from Allah Din.

On questioning Prisoner as to his reason for striking Gulam Hassan he replied that he had struck him three blows as deceased had made improper proposals to him. On entering the barrack-room he saw deceased lying on his bed, unconscious and with blood coming from his nose and mouth. He ordered the two most of deceased to be taken to the hospital.

Deceased did not answer as he was unconscious. He ordered the three brooms to be taken to Company Store. Deceased was lying on the bed, on his right side. He tried to make him answer by shaking him. He looked on both sides of Deceased's head and body but saw no wounds; he was covered up to his breast with a quilt. There had been a report made to him on March 4th by the jemadar concerning a squabble between Prisoner and Deceased.

Witness ordered both parties to be brought before him on both sides of the place. Prisoner told him that as he placed Gulam Hassan had come to his bed and placed his hand on Prisoner's face. Prisoner caught hold of his arm and called out "Who are you?" Witness asked if he wished to make a complaint to the European Officer; Prisoner replied "No." Prisoner was ordered by Captain Rowcroft.

Cross-examined by Mr. Slade:—Prisoner did not report to him that deceased had made improper proposals to him on March 4th, but subsequently when under arrest he mentioned it. Witness found Captain Rowcroft's sword lying in Prisoner's box. Deceased's bed was about a foot away from the wall. Report to him by his Lordship:—When witness went into the barrack-room the men were talking together. No one came forward to give an account of the assault, they only heard the noise of the blows. The Prisoner had been taken to the guard-room when the brooms were removed.

Private Gama (one of the four men) said he had heard the blows struck, Gama said he was sleeping when he heard the blows. The jemadar was not in the room. Havildar Gama was not in No. 4 section room when witness entered. He did not have time to come and make a report to him.

Between a note and a private after he had put the brooms in the guard-room. Witness took no further notice of the report received by him on March 4th as in a room with so many men in it would be impossible to do such a thing. The N.C.O.s have orders to suppress such conduct.

Alfred James Pullen, Assistant Surgeon at Station Hospital Kowloon, gave the same evidence as at the Magistrate's.

Examined by the Court he said it was impossible to say whether there were two or three blows given. It was certain there were two; another might have been struck while the men were fighting. By a convulsive action the man might have turned over on his bed. The deceased was a man between 35 to 40 years of age and of good physique. The blows would require the full force of a fairly strong man with such an instrument as the broom.

Gulam Alee gave evidence of the storage of the brooms.

Inspector Duncan McDonald gave evidence of having received the charge.

No. 536, an Indian Police constable acting as an Indian interpreter at the Central Station, gave evidence of having taken down Prisoner's statement in Hindustani when charged with murder.

Abdullah Khan, the Court translator, read the English of the Prisoner's statement.

Cross-examined, the expression "It is not good for you" in Hindustani means that it is not a right and proper thing for you to do.

This concluded the prosecution.

Mr. Slade, in opening the case for the defence, said they had the evidence for the prosecution and that he would not detain them long with speaking, but would make some few comments on the evidence that had been given.

The Attorney-General had explained to them why the four men mentioned as being in the room had not been called. They were very good reasons but he (Mr. Slade) intended calling these men.

The learned counsel then went on to criticize the evidence as regards the position in which Deceased was lying and the position of the blows, which he showed could not have been struck while Deceased was lying down with his head about a foot away from the wall. One wound on the back of the top of the head Mr. Slade especially emphasized as impossible unless the man had been standing up, as it must have been a horizontal blow. The Subadar had found Deceased lying on the right side and still there was no wound on that side and the witnesses all agreed that the body had not been moved. There were very real difficulties which they would have to accept this account of the dastardly outrage on a man sleeping on his bed. They had as an alternative the story told by the Prisoner himself, and that was that there had been a quarrel between the Deceased and himself that they had had hard words which led to hard blows and that Prisoner, having the more effective weapon, he had killed Deceased. The learned counsel could not say if there had been any grudge or that he had been carried away by passion. If the jury did not believe this story they were thrown back on the story of the prosecution and if it were trustworthy they would find a verdict of guilty of murder. If there had been a request such as Prisoner said there had been who would not hit back? The facts as given by the witnesses for the prosecution point to the fact that Prisoner had his master's sword, instead of using which he picked up a broom, a similar weapon to that which Gulam Hassan was armed with. The Prosecution has shown that Deceased was a bigger and stronger

man than Prisoner and he only defended himself. He would call evidence to show that Prisoner had permission from Captain Rowcroft to take his sword into barracks to clean it and he would call Havildar Gama, one of the men accused of urging Prisoner, to commit murder and would show that Havildar Gama was in his own room. Sahib Dean (another accused man) would be proved to have been out of the room at the time of the transaction. Fazeel Khan who is supposed to have been called and relate the account of the fray as he reported at Allah Dean. Private Gama was asleep in the room. All these witnesses would tell one different things bearing on the case but they would all state one important fact and that was that Allah Ditta was asleep on his bed and only half heard and did not see the blows struck.

In conclusion, gentlemen, said Mr. Slade, the conclusion that there was a quarrel and that an attack on a man sleeping on his bed was made and take the worst construction of the case and must bring in a verdict of manslaughter; to do this you must not have the slightest doubt, but if you give Prisoner the benefit of any doubt and consider that there was not a primary intention to kill nor to seriously injure Deceased but that after he had been insulted he hit back, and hit back hard, and that the force exerted was not greater than what he naturally thought was required to save himself from his adversary, you must

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THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
TO-MORROW
(WEDNESDAY), the 25th April, 1900,
Commencing at 2.30 P.M.,
at his Sales Rooms, Zeland Street, No. 2,
A LARGE QUANTITY OF
USEFUL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
Comprising:
DRAWING ROOM, DINING ROOM
and BED ROOM FURNITURE of every
Description, VERMORELS, WRITING
DESKS, CASSIORES, CROCKERY, CUT-
LERY, BATHROOM REQUISITES, PIC-
TURES, BOOKCASES, &c., &c.
A lot of very fine GAS FIXTURES.
Several BICYCLES.
COTTAGE PIANO, by R. LIPP & SOHN
Stuttgart in very good condition.
On View at the Undersigned's.
Catalogues will be issued Prior to Sale.
TERMS OF SALE:—As customary.
PAUL BREWITT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 24th April, 1900. [519b]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
on
THURSDAY, the 26th April, 1900,
at 11 A.M.,
at ARMY ORDNANCE STORES,
Queen's Road-East.

THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT STORES:
At the ARSENAL YARD:
OLD BRASS and BRASS SCREWS,
GUNMETAL, COPPER, WHITE METAL,
LEAD, ZINC, STEEL, CAST, WROUGHT
and GALVANISED IRON, LEATHER,
BLANKETS, IRON CHAINS, SERGE,
TENT DUCK, GROUND SHEETS, TARK
and PLAIN CANVAS, KOPPE, BOO,
SOOTIE, HUNTING, LINEN, COTTON
and WOOLEN RAGS, WADMITILTS,
LED CASES, WOOD and PACKING
CASES, LANTERNS, TEAPOTS, COFFEE
POTS, FENDERS, WINDSAILS, &c., &c.
Also:
A quantity of OLD ARMY CLOTHING.
In R.E. YARD, opposite NAVAL YARD:
EMPTY CASKS, PACKING CASES, ZINC
LININGS, OLD IRON and WOOD.
Catalogues can be had at the ORDNANCE
OFFICE or from the Auctioneers.
TERMS OF SALE:—Cash on delivery. All
Faults and Errors of Description, at Pur-
chaser's Risk on the fall of the hammer. All
Lots to be cleared within 48 hours.
HUGHES & HUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1900. [530b]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of
Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction,
to be held at the Offices of the Public Works
Department, on

MONDAY,
the 30th day of April, 1900, at 3 P.M., are
published for general information.
By Command,
F. H. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 12th April, 1900. [528b]

Particulars and Conditions of the letting
by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday,
the 30th day of April, 1900, at 3 P.M., at the
Offices of the Public Works Department, by
Order of His Excellency the Governor, of Two
Lots of CROWN LAND, at Queen's Road
West in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term
of 75 Years, with the option of renewal at a
CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of
Her Majesty the QUEEN, for one further
term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

No. of Lot	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Area	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1	Inland	1,591 (Queen's Road West)	1.591	150	150
2	Inland	1,592	1.592	150	150

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the 30th day of April, 1900, at 3.30 P.M., at the
Offices of the Public Works Department, by
Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One
Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of
Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years, with the
option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be
fixed by the Surveyor of Her Majesty the
QUEEN, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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2	Inland	1,592	1.592	150	150

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
AN INTERIM BONUS of Twenty per cent.
upon Contributions for the year
1899 has been declared.
Warrants will be issued on the 1st May.
By Order of the Board,
W. J. SAUNDERS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 20th April, 1900. [513b]

Intimations.

THE FIRST GYMKHANA MEETING.

APRIL 28TH, 1900.
EVENTS.
1.—HALF-MILE RACE.—For all China ponies.
Weight for inches as per scale with 7 lbs
added. Winners at any Official Meeting
this season 5 lbs. extra. Subscription grif-
fins and bona fide polo ponies allowed 7
lbs.
2.—TENT PITCHING.—Points for place and
style three runs.
3.—STEPPLECHASE.—For all China ponies
over usual course. Weight for inches as
per scale. Previous winners of Steppel-
chase 7 lbs. added.
4.—ONE MILE HANDICAP.—For all China
ponies.
5.—LADIES NOMINATION.—Each Competitor
to start from a post 100 yards up the course
and ride to the lady who nominates him,
take one potato from her each time,
return and drop it into his bucket. Should
he fail or the potato not remain, he must
dismount, put the potato into the bucket,
and mount without assistance. To win,
first past the winning post, third time in
with all three potatoes in the bucket.
6.—1 MILE RACE.—For all China ponies.
Weight for inches as per scale with 3 lbs.
added. Subscription Grifflins allowed 7 lbs.
Winners at this Meeting 5 lbs. extra.
7.—ONE MILE RACE.—For Waters. Catch
Weights over 11 st. 7 lbs.
Hongkong, 17th April, 1900. [505b]

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SECOND
INSTALLMENT of \$5 per Share in
respect of the 50,000 New Shares has been
called up and Holders of such Shares who have
not already paid this Installment are requested to
PAY the Amount of such CALL to the
Undersigned at the OFFICE of the Company,
No. 9, Praya Central, on or before the 30th
April, 1900.
Dated the 27th March, 1900.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
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THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHARES in this Company on which a
CALL of \$1 was made PAYABLE on the
2nd day of March, 1900, and which Call has
not yet been paid, are liable to be forfeited, in
accordance with the Articles of Association of
the Company.
Interest at the rate of 10 per cent. per share
will be charged on all Overdue Calls.
W. H. GASKELL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 17th April, 1900. [506b]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the above
Company, held at the Registered Office of the
Company, Queen's Road Central, Victoria,
Hongkong, on Tuesday, the Twenty-Seventh
day of March, 1900, the following RESOLU-
TION was passed:
1.—That in pursuance of the Provisions of
the Special Resolution passed at an
Extraordinary General Meeting of the
Company held on the 7th and 8th March
instinct, and since duly registered, the Sum of
\$1,250,000 be withdrawn from the
Reserved Fund and be carried as of the
2nd July next, to the Credit of Capital
Account, each Share being credited with
a Sum of \$25 as paid up thereon in
addition to the Sum of \$50 now standing
to the credit of each Share.
2.—That the Balance of \$25 per Share of the
Unpaid Capital of the Company be and is
hereby made of \$25 per Share upon all
Shares of the Company, and that the
Shareholders be requested to pay the
same to the Company's Bankers, the
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Cor-
poration, at their Premises, Queen's
Road Central, on or before the 2nd day
of July, A.D. 1900.
Shareholders are hereby requested to pay
according.
And Notice is also given that, in accordance
with Article 34 of the Company's Articles of
Association, interest will be charged as from
the said 2nd day of July, 1900, at the Rate of
\$12 per cent. per Annum, upon all Calls re-
maining Unpaid after the 9th day of July,
1900, up to the actual dates of payment of the
same.
By Order of the Board,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1900. [493b]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that SCRIP
NUMBER 240 for TEN SHARES of the
Company, numbered 7165 to 7174, and
dated the 20th May, 1891, in the name of
FUNG WA CHUN, of Hongkong, having
been LOST, a New Scrip for the same will
be issued after One month from the Date hereof,
and the Original Scrip will be considered
by the Company as Null and Void, and all persons
are hereby warned against accepting or
negotiating the same.
By Order,
C. MOONEY,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 30th March, 1900. [412b]

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

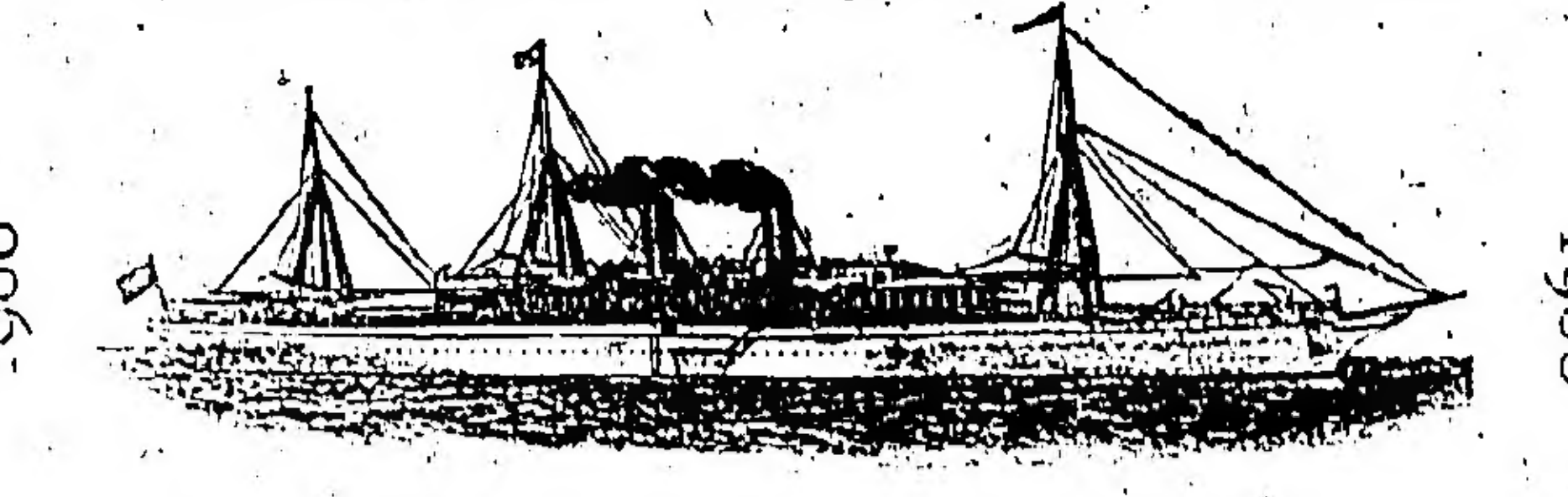
NOTICE is hereby given that SCRIP
NUMBER 240 for 15 SHARES of the
Company, numbered 28901/28918, in the name
of PAUL JORDAN, Esquire, of Hongkong,
having been LOST, a New Scrip for the same
will be issued after One month from the Date
hereof, and the Original Scrip will be considered
by the Company as Null and Void, and all persons
are hereby warned against accepting or
negotiating the same.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 29th March, 1900. [499b]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that SCRIP
NUMBER 240 for 8 SHARES of the
Company, numbered 1311/1321, in the name
of WILLIAM MONARCH BURNSIDE
ARTHUR, Esquire, of Hongkong, having
been LOST, a New Scrip for the same will
be issued after One month from the Date hereof,
and the Original Scrip will be considered
by the Company as null and void, and all persons
are hereby warned against accepting or
negotiating same.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1900. [474b]

Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY.'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.



SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.
THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA
AND THE UNITED STATES.
(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.)
Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 25th April.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 16th May.
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 6th June.

THE magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND
SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER
(B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and
make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAN TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS
of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM
THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made
at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which
passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.
Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD.
Return tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.
SPECIAL RATES (first class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval,
Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and
Japan Government.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAN STEAMSHIPS,
(second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL
TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World
Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY
through which the Railway passes.
THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated
by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unequalled.
For further information, Maps, Guide, Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to
D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Pedder's Street, [5]

Hongkong, 14th March, 1900.

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH
THE ATCHESON TOPEKA & SANTA
FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to JAPAN PORTS,
and HONOLULU, THE UNITED STATES, &c.
Carlisle City...[3,002] about May 5
Strathgyle...[5,023] about May 20
Belgian King...[3,379] about June 5
Thym...[3,812] about July 8

THE Steamship

"CARLISLE CITY,"
will be despatched for SAN DIEGO and
SAN FRANCISCO, VIA KOBE, YOKO-
HAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY,
the 5th May.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point
in the United States.
Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M.
the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages
will be received at the OFFICE until the same
time. All parcels should be marked to address
in full. Value of same is required.
Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo des-
tined to Points beyond San Diego, should be
sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the
Collector of Customs, San Diego.
For further information as to Freight or
Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents,
Hongkong, China and Japan.
Hongkong, 12th April, 1900. [528]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.

VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE,
AND YOKOHAMA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA,
IN CONNECTION WITH
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.
Glenogle...[3,750] W. Finkes...April 28
Queen Adelaide...[3,832] F. McNair...May 5
Duke of Devon...[3,821] J. S. Cox...May 12

ALSO

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON,
IN CONNECTION WITH
OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGA-
TION COMPANY.

Monmouthshire...[2,874] W. A. Evans...May 10
Braemar...[3,601] W. Watt...June 9
Monmouthshire...[2,874] W. A. Evans...July 14
Monmouthshire...[2,874] W. A. Evans...Aug. 4

THE attention of Passengers is directed to
the very cheap rates offered by the Line,
HONGKONG TO LONDON £42.
Excellent accommodation. First-class Ta-
bles, DOCTOR and STEWARDESS carried.
HONGKONG TO NEW YORK £41.
The Railroad travelling is second to none
on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery
of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS.
THE YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route.
Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of
the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO LONDON £42.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application.
Special rates allowed to members of Govern-
ment Services.
Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific
Coast Points, and to Canadian and United
States Ports.
Consular Invoices of Goods for United States
Ports should be in quadruplicate, and one
copy must be sent forward by the steamer to
the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Port-
land, Or. (whichever may be the destination of
the steamer).
Parcels must be sent to our Office (with
address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day
previous to sailing.
For further information apply to
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
General Agents,
Hongkong, 24th April, 1900. [4]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA,
ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN
PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.
(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA,
PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and
AFRICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship

"BENGAL,"
Captain S. Barcham, carrying Her Majesty's
Mails, will be despatched from this Port for
BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 28th instant,
at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the
above Ports.
Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France,
and Tea for London (under arrangement) will
be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer
proceeding direct to Marseilles and London;
other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed
via Bombay with Transhipment.
Parcels will be received at this Office until 4
P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and
Value of all Packages are required.
Shippers are particularly requested to note
the terms and conditions of the Company's
Bills of Lading.
For further Particulars, apply to
A. M. MARSHALL,
Acting Superintendent.
Hongkong, 14th April, 1900. [5]

Mails.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATES
AWA MARU	YOKOHAMA (DIRECT)	To-morrow, 25th April, at Daylight
N. Trenet		
KAGOSHIMA MARU	BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	FRIDAY, 27th April, at Noon
R. Nonome		
BINGO MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON, NEW-CASTLE ON-TYNE, and ANTWERP, VIA STRAITS, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	FRIDAY, 27th April, at Daylight
M. Nivison		
YAWATA MARU	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, VIA MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	FRIDAY, 27th April, at 4 P.M.
A. E. Moses		

*Through Passenger/Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at Prince's Building, 1st Floor, Chater Road.

A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 24th April, 1900. [6]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

(Freight Service.) (Freight Service.)
(Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATES
*SIBIRIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	24th April
Braun	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	April
*KONIGSBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG	10th May
Christiansen	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	May
BAMBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG	About 22nd May
Jacobs	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	May
SARNIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	About 6th June
Fuchs	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	June
SAMBIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	About 20th June
Ehlers	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	June

*These Steamers have Superior Accommodation for Passengers and carry a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For further Particulars as to Freight, Passage, &c., apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents.
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TOYO KISEN KAISHA. U.S. MAIL LINE. PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

TO SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

STEAMERS	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATES
HONGKONG MARU	(via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Tuesday, 8th May, at Noon
NIPPON MARU	(via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Thursday, 31st May, at Noon
AMERICA MARU	(via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Tuesday, 26th June, at Noon

THE Steamship

"AMERICA MARU,"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 14th April, at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European Officials in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to ports beyond San Francisco, in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

C. L. GORHAM, Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 14th April, 1900. [7]

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

"CHINA,"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 15th May, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

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THE LAUNCH OF THE "MELITE."

SHANGHAI, 20th April.

The steamer *Melite*, built by Messrs. S. G. Farman & Co., Ltd., for Messrs. Melchers & Co., the first of the steamers built for them for the Lower Yangtze trade, was launched at the Cosmopolitan Dock yesterday afternoon in the presence of a large gathering of the German community, and a few foreigners of other nationalities. The party were taken down to the dock in the N. D. L. tender *Bremen*, and immediately on their arrival proceeded to the platform at the bow of the *Melite*, where Miss Luisa Korff, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. A. Korff, the head of Messrs. Melchers & Co.'s firm in Shanghai, christened the steamer with the inevitable bottle of champagne, and the very clearly-pronounced sentiment:—

*Viel Glück und Segen
Auf allen Wegen.*

There was no delay; as Miss Korff was speaking, the *Melite* slid gracefully down the ways and into the river, amid the cheers of all the spectators. The launch over the party proceeded to one of the sheds near by, where Mr. Twentynine, on behalf of the builders of the *Melite*, presented Miss Korff with a very handsome doll, after which, champagne having been distributed to all present, he proposed good luck to the new steamer, which was drunk with enthusiasm. Mr. Korff then proposed, in eloquent terms, the toast of the builders of the steamer, Messrs. S. G. Farman & Co., Ltd., which was honoured with three hearty cheers. A large party then proceeded to the boiler shop and saw a 30-ton boiler being lifted about by the travelling crane as though it were a toy, and inspected with great interest the ponderous modern machinery with which the shop is provided, after which all returned to the tender, which brought the party safely back to Shanghai at 5.30 p.m. The *Melite* is a twin-screw steel steamer, a counterpart of the two river steamers recently constructed by the same builders for Messrs. Arnold, Karberg & Co.—N. C. D'NEUR.

NATIVE BANK REGULATIONS FOR SHANGHAI.

At the Mixed Court, Shanghai, on the 19th instant, the assessor Mr. Mayers requested that the following new regulations passed by the Northern and Southern Native Bank Guilds of Shanghai be made public, remarking that they would come before the Court the following Thursday afternoon when anyone wishing to express an opinion upon them might do so in open Court previous to their confirmation by the Court.

"Whereas the business and financial transactions of Shanghai have now become of immense importance and the payments which are made daily are very great, and whereas irregularities have increased in connection with Bank Orders and Cheques and it has become absolutely necessary to remedy this evil, and whereas a meeting of the Bank Guilds of Shanghai has accordingly been held and the following resolutions have been passed thereat, viz:—

"If any Bank Order be lost, stolen or burnt the Bank issuing the same shall be liable to the person who shall prove his title thereto to satisfaction of the issuing Bank, provided that notice of the loss, theft or destruction of the order as the case may be shall have been given to the issuing Bank immediately on the discovery of the same, and that advertisements shall have been inserted in the leading newspapers and a proper receipt and the indemnity of a sufficient guarantor shall have been given to the Bank.

"If an order shall be obtained from the rightful owner by fraud, and before notice shall have been given to the issuing Bank the same shall come into the hands of a bona fide holder for value, the issuing Bank will pay the amount of the order to such bona fide holder for value.

"The presentation of a Bank Order for examination is for the purpose of ascertaining the genuineness thereof, and no rights are obtained by the person presenting the same by reason of priority of presentation. In the case of any dispute or alleged fraud connected with an order, payment will not be made until such dispute has been settled by the Court, or by arbitration, whether the holder be Chinese or Foreign.

"The finder of a Bank Order which has been lost, shall, if he forthwith return the same to the rightful holder, be entitled to a reward at the rate of one per cent. of the value of the order stolen.

"If a cheque drawn payable at a future date is lent by the drawer to any person and such person gives it for value received to a bona fide holder and before payment of the cheque becomes bankrupt or absconds, the drawer is responsible for the amount of the cheque to each bona fide holder for value, whether or not notice has been given by the drawer to the bank on which the cheque is drawn to stop payment thereof, and it shall be no answer to the bona fide holder that the cheque was merely intended to be lent or that the property in the proceeds thereof was not intended to pass absolutely to the borrower.

A PUNJOM LAW SUIT.

HUGHES V. BAILEY.

The civil action brought by Mr. W. Kerfoot Hughes, the Punjom manager, against Mr. Seth J. Bailey, recently accountant at Punjom, and now assistant manager at Kechau, was disposed of by Mr. Hume, the district magistrate, the other day. The plaintiff's claim was on two heads—\$200 for the amount of unauthorized "Christmas presents" made by defendant to Messrs. Whiting and O'Brien, Punjom employees, in December last, out of the company's funds; and \$200 odd for return passage money to America paid to defendant in order that he may go back. Mr. Bailey did not leave the East, and Mr. Hughes claimed a refund of this money. Judgment was entered for plaintiff for the \$200 claimed under the first head, while the claim for refund of passage money was dismissed.

JAVA TEA.

Writing on the above subject the Batavia correspondent of a Straits contemporary says:—Tea planters in Java rejoice at the progress in the cultivation of the shrub there last year. The advance was slow but none the less sure. The prices for the leaf were not high. But counterbalancing advantage lies in the fact that they are less liable to fluctuations than quotations for other produce articles exported from the island. The fluctuations in the price of cinchona, sugar, coffee, and indigo are so widely divergent that tea-growing in Java is the most stable line of cultivation open to investors. Tea planters had little to complain of as to insect-ravages last year. In the planting districts of West Java, the produce crops now suffer heavily from the unusual wetness of the season. The tea crop, this year, is expected to be of inferior quality. Coffee refuses to ripen well. Cinchona trees show signs of canker on branches and roots. The roads are in an almost impassable condition. It is well nigh impracticable for planters to convey produce to market.

GREAT BRITAIN, RUSSIA, AND AFGHANISTAN.

In a declaration of the policy of Afghanistan towards Great Britain and Russia, which his agent has been authorized to publish in London, the Ameer says:—

"I have come to the conclusion that Russia feared Afghanistan, as a war with the Afghans would mean a general rising of all Islam, which would spread throughout Russian Asia. Russia has not troops enough to combat such a rising. Her hold on the Mussulman countries she has conquered is insecure. They hate her, and with ten times her power Russia could not fight Afghanistan and India successfully. The Afghans prefer death to slavery and their women and children being taken by the Russians."

The Ameer at the close of his letter likens the British Parliament to the Turkish baths at Cabul, "which reverberate with a babel of calls for towels, soap, etc., and loud-voiced conversation, until the meaning of individual words and even the words themselves become lost in the confusion of sounds and only increase the general uproar."

And we are not sure but that there is some truth in this brief but graphic summing-up of the House of Commons.

TO FETTER CUPID.

The *Mail* Plate says that Gov. Thomas, of Colorado, is giving attention to a bill placing the granting of marriage licenses in the hands of a board of medical examiners. The Governor looks favourably upon the measure, which was proposed by a friend, and is expected to embody its salient points in his message to the assembly. The bill provides for a board of medical examiners in each county, to consist of three physicians. No marriage license shall be granted until a certificate is had from the board that the man is not less than 25 years old, the woman not less than 22, and that both are free from dipsomania, organic or true insanity, hereditary insanity, tuberculosis of the lungs, or other vital organs; hereditary asthma, scrofula and epilepsy, and that there is no blood relation existing between them. In no case shall a certificate be granted to a person notorious for moral depravity, or who shall at the time of the application be on trial, under bonds, or in prison for felony.

WAR NEWS BY WIRE.

(From Our Exchanges.)

The Halt at Bloemfontein.

LONDON, March 26th. The halt of the British army at Bloemfontein is due to a cautious effort to secure a peaceful transition of authority. The Free States threaten to shoot Commandant Olivier for grossly deceiving them. Foreign steamers are landing 500 Boer recruits monthly at Delagoa Bay. Many of the natives at Mafeking are refusing to eat horseflesh and are in consequence starving.

Sir Alfred Milner.

Sir Alfred Milner (High Commissioner for South Africa) visited Mafeking and Dordrecht on his return from his conference at Bloemfontein with Lord Roberts. The inhabitants of the towns visited welcomed him with cheers. Mr. Schreiner, the Premier of Cape Colony, was hoisted.

The Natal Disloyalists.

It is reported that there is danger of the disloyalists in Natal escaping punishment. The loyalists of Natal are in consequence excited.

Alleged Army Contract Scandals.
Mr. A. J. Balfour has agreed to the appointment of a committee to inquire into the alleged army contract scandals if the Crown law officers decide to prosecute.

The Opposition and the War.

March 27th. The *Standard* states that the leaders of the Opposition now recognize that the extension of British sovereignty over the whole of South Africa is the only possible settlement of the South African problem. They recommend, however, the *Standard* continues, that the Transvaal and Orange Free States should be converted into self-governing colonies after annexation.

The Situation in the Free State.
The assured loyalty of the Free State Boers who have submitted, and the absolute security of the British rear, are requisite before Lord Roberts will advance from Bloemfontein. The army hopes that the Boers will fight at Kroonstad, where they are now massed. The position is not naturally strong, and the plains beyond render pursuit easy.

Estimated Boer Losses.

The *Times* publishes this morning an estimate of the Boer losses in the campaign and of their present strength. The journal states that a moderate and trustworthy estimate is that 4,000 Boers have been killed in action, and that their total casualties, exclusive of several thousand Free State burghers who have returned to their farms, are 15,000. As to their present strength the *Times* says that in any future engagements the Boers will not be able to muster more than 30,000 men. Many Transvaal burghers, it reports, doubt the utility of further resistance.

The Motherland and The Colonies.

Mr. T. Brassey has issued a circular to members of the Liberal party on the effect which the war will have on the relations between the motherland and the colonies. Mr. Brassey urges in the circular that the war has advanced the question of imperial federation, inasmuch as it has caused the colonies to participate in the burdens of the Empire. The federations of Canada, Australia, and South Africa will be important units of the Empire, shortly, and there will then be simplified the creation of an Assembly wherein the colonies will be represented. Such an Assembly would deal with the foreign relations of the Empire and with the military and naval expenditure. If the Assembly was thus created, the granting of Home Rule to Ireland, and other portions of the kingdom on local questions would be facilitated.

Miscellaneous.

Ninety thousand sleepers which had been stored at Dundee for the proposed railway from Dundee to Vryheid have been transferred by the Boers to the Transvaal. The Imperial Yeomanry regiments, numbering altogether 10,000 men, are now complete. Heavy rains have fallen throughout South Africa. Many camps are swamps. A troop train was overturned on the embankment on Victoria Road, owing to the subsidence of the railway line. Nine soldiers were injured, and many had miraculous escapes.

Col. Baden-Powell.

On the 17th inst. Col. Baden-Powell, commanding the beleaguered garrison at Mafeking, April 24, *Surprise*, French gunboat, for Saigon.

captured a Boer trench and killed 12 of the enemy. Large quantities of shrapnel and machine-gun ammunition have been found in farmhouses at Springfontein in the Orange Free State.

A Consul Fined.

March 28th. Mr. Pott, a foreign consul at Delagoa Bay, has been fined £210 for having indirectly imported heliographs and other contraband goods.

Russia's Reply to the Transvaal.

The reply of Russia to the telegram of the President of the Orange Free State and the Transvaal, asking for intervention, seeks to show the greatest sympathy with the Boers and her greatest regret that she cannot comply with the desire of the republics. Russia explains that had the Presidents first applied to the Powers before telegraphing to Lord Salisbury, stating the terms on which they were prepared to treat, there was reason to believe that Great Britain would have been approached by the Powers. The result, however, would have been the same, Russia says. Mediation was impossible after Lord Salisbury had categorically stated that no intervention would be allowed.

The *Times* says that the reply of Russia is perhaps the unkindest sent by any of the Powers to the Presidents' telegram. It accuses the Platonic sympathy which Russia bears to the republics by an intimation that the Presidents had looked for help the wrong way, but that if they had looked the right way it would have made no difference.

The Colonies and Peace.

The joint cablegram sent by the Australian colonies to Mr. Chamberlain, stating that peace should not be concluded on terms other than the absolute supremacy of Great Britain in South Africa, is the *Times* states, a further blow to the sympathisers of the enemy.

Boers Massing.

The Boers are massing in entrenched positions on the Biggarsberg in Natal. Their baggage and their waggon to Newcastle are packed in readiness for a retreat to the Transvaal. It is reported that the enemy's big guns which had been placed on the Biggarsberg have been removed. The *Daily Telegraph* states that 20,000 Free State burghers, under Commandant de Boers, a resident of Hartswater, are guarding the nine passes of the Drakensberg.

A Reconnaissance.

On Monday a reconnaissance was made from the Glen Camp on the Modder towards Bloemfontein, which is 35 miles to the north of Bloemfontein. The 16th Lancers engaged in a skirmish with the Boers and drew them into the open. The 9th Lancers then tried to outflank the enemy, but were not successful. On the side of the British the casualties were few.

Action at Ladybrand.

Lieutenant-Colonel T. D. Pilcher, with a small force on Monday, drove in the Boer outposts at Ladybrand, and captured the Landdrost. Afterwards Lieutenant-Colonel Pilcher retreated in good order on the main body of the British operating in the district.

Racial Susceptibility.

Owing to the racial susceptibility of the Free Saters, the Cape Police have been sent to do duty in the State, but have been retained south of the Orange River.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

Captain C. P. Clement, of the steamship *Kwang Ping*, from Tongku, reports:—Strong N.E. winds from Heishan to Hongkong.

Capt. H. Bathurst, of the steamship *Halilong*, from Swatow, reports:—Moderate Easterly wind clear. Vessels in port on the 23rd inst.:—*Pakhot, Singan, Foochow, Canton, and Dagman*.

Shipping.

Arrivals.

YAWATA MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,367, A. E. Moses, 23rd April.—Yokohama, via Kobe Moji and Nagasaki 17th April, General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
HALILONG, British steamer, 783, H. Bathurst, 24th April.—Swatow 23rd April, General.—Douglas, Laprak & Co.
MICHAEL JENSEN, German steamer, 710, P. Hemmet, 24th April.—Haiphong 19th April, and Hoilow 22nd, General.—Jensen & Co.

KWANG PING, Chinese steamer, 1,242, C. P. Clement, 24th April.—Tongku 18th April, General.—C. E. & M. Co.
WINGSANG, British steamer, 1,517, T. H. Sellar, 24th April.—Shanghai and Swatow 23rd April, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
BELLEROPHON, British steamer, 1,312, Lyons, 24th April.—Penang 14th April, and Singapore 17th, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

QUARTA, German steamer, 1,165, H. Johannsen, 24th April.—Saigon 19th April, Rice.—Sander, Weller & Co.
EMMA LUYKEN, German steamer, 1,185, C. Wallis, 24th April.—Koh-si-chang 16th April, Rice.—E. A. Trading & Co.

KANSU, British steamer, 1,158, C. Sommerfeld, 24th April.—Canton 24th April, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

SIBIRIA, German steamer, 2,126, F. Brann, 24th April.—Shanghai 21st April, General.—Siemssen & Co.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.
Sibiria, German str., for Singapore.
Mike Maru, Japanese str., for Kobe.
Kansu, British str., for Shanghai.
Pronto, German str., for Cheloo.
Wo Kwai, Chinese steam-launch, for Wuchow.
Loyal, German str., for Newchwang.
Breconshire, British str., for Moji.
Awu Maru, Japanese str., for Yokohama.
Ayu Maru, Japanese str., for Kuchinozu.
Saitoku, British str., for Samaul.
Eshdale, British str., for Yokohama.
Kwangsi, British str., for Chinkiang.
Menmuir, British str., for Manila.

Departures.
April 23, *Donacaster*, British cruiser, for Manila.
April 24, *Taichong*, German str., for Foochow.
April 24, *Aphenrad*, German str., for Tournai.
April 24, *Formosa*, British str., for Swatow.
April 24, *Seong Loong*, British str., for Amoy.
April 24, *Patroclus*, British str., for Shanghai.
April 24, *Mike Maru*, Japanese str., for Moji.
April 24, *Breconshire*, British str., for Japan.
April 24, *Menmuir*, British str., for Manila.
April 24, *Clara*, German str., for Hoilow.
April 24, *Pronto*, German str., for Cheloo.
April 24, *Wingsang*, British str., for Canton.
April 24, *Surprise*, French gunboat, for Saigon.

Passengers—Arrived.
Per *Quarta*, from Saigon—77 Chinese.
Per *Kwang Ping*, from Tongku—8 Chinese.
Per *Michael Jensen*, from Hoilow—25 Chinese.
Per *Bellerophon*, from Singapore—307 Chinese.
Per *Halilong*, from Swatow—Messrs. Zollner and Kennedy, and 79 Chinese.
Per *Wingsang*, from Shanghai, &c.—Mrs. Smith, Miss and Master Martinson, and 63 Chinese.
Per *Yawata Maru*, from Japan—Mrs. J. S. Switzer and child, Mrs. C. Riley, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, Messrs. F. S. Moses, A. Marks, E. Espenpahn, Miss Cooper, 5 Chinese and 13 Japanese.
Per *Awu Maru*, from Singapore for Hongkong—Mr. J. Francis, Q.C., Mr. and Mrs. and Miss D. R. Law, Mr. and Mrs. Michie, Mr. and Mrs. Colenso, Mr. and Mrs. Miss H. Playfair, Misses Topper, Barber, Messrs. W. E. Johnson, Murphy, J. Stewart and child, For Yokohama—Comdr. M. Kando, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, Messrs. K. Sek, F. Fujiwara, G. Braichwaite and D. Shibakawa.
Per *Sibiria*, from Shanghai—Mr. E. Christensen, and Mrs. Kleffel and 5 children.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

Names.	From.	Date.
Bingo Maru	Moji	To-morrow
Kagoshima Maru	Moji	To-morrow
Chingwo	Singapore	April 26th
Coromandel	Singapore	April 26th
Suisang	Singapore	April 27th
Hongkong Maru	Shanghai	April 27th
Hamburg	Port Darwin	April 28th
Prinz Heinrich	Singapore	May 1st
Airie	Japan	May 5th
Empress of Japan	Vancouver	May 10th
Doric	San Francisco	May 15th

We would direct the attention of shippers to the style in which "Steamers Expected" and "Passengers Arrived" are now published in these columns, and in so doing respectfully urge the managers of the various shipping companies to their clerks to furnish this office, on the forms already supplied gratis with the latest available information as early as possible.

PROJECTED SAILINGS.

Ship.	Destination.	Date.
Alcinous	London	May 15th
America Maru	San Francisco, &c.	June 7th
Awu Maru	Yokohama	April 25th
Bamberg	Havre, &c.	May 22nd
Bayer	Traite, &c.	July 12th
Belgian King	San Diego, &c.	June 5th
Bombay	Bombay, &c.	April 28th
Bingo Maru	Marseilles, &c.	April 27th
Brenar	Portland, &c.	June 9th
Carlisle City	San Diego, &c.	May 5th
China	San Francisco, &c.	May 15th
City of Peking	San Francisco, &c.	July 5th
City of Rio	San Francisco, &c.	June 9th
Coptic	San Francisco, &c.	June 19th
Coromandel	Shanghai	April 27th
Diamond	Amoy	April 26th
Doric	San Francisco, &c.	May 23rd
Duke of Life	Victoria, B.C.	May 12th
Emp. China	Vancouver, &c.	June 6th
Emp. India	"	April 25th
Emp. Japan	"	May 16th
Esmeralda	Hoilo, &c.	April 27th
Gaelic	San Francisco, &c.	May 1st
Glenogle	Victoria, B.C.	April 28th
Haikong	Manila	May 2nd
Hamburg	Straits, &c.	May 20th
Hongkong Maru	San Francisco, &c.	May 8th
Ixion	Liverpool	April 30th
Jason	Swatow	April 26th
Kagoshima Maru	Bombay	April 27th
Kansu	Shanghai	April 25th
König Albert	Straits, &c.	Aug. 9th
Königsberg	Havre, &c.	May 10th
Machon	London	May 1st
Maidzuru Maru	Swatow, &c.	April 29th
Malacca	London	May 3rd
Monmouthshire	Portland, &c.	May 19th
Nippon Maru	San Francisco, &c.	May 31st
Oldenburgh	Straits, &c.	May 28th
Patroclus	London	May 29th
Preussen	Straits, &c.	May 16th
Prinz Heinrich	Straits, &c.	May 2nd
Queen Adelaide	Victoria, B.C.	May 5th
Rosetta	Japan	April 28th
Sachsen	Straits, &c.	June 14th
Bambila	Havre, &c.	June 20th
Sarnia	Havre, &c.	June 6th
Strathgyle	San Diego, &c.	May 20th
Stuttgart	Straits, &c.	July 26th
St. Regulus	New York	May 3rd
Singapore	Manila	April 26th
Thy	San Diego, &c.	July 8th
Tsinan	Port Darwin, &c.	April 26th
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Yuensang	Manila	April 28th

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